

# AMERICA FIRST CAMPAIGN INAUGURATED IN THIS CITY

Headquarters of Executive Committee  
Opened With Mrs. Frank H.  
Bliss of Buffalo in Charge.

That there must be a greater and firmer building of America, not only for the present military war, but for the commercial war to come, is the keynote of the "America first campaign" inaugurated by the national committee of one hundred, the executive committee of which has just opened headquarters in the Washington Loan and Trust building, this city, in charge of Mrs. Frank H. Bliss of Buffalo. Mrs. Bliss is assistant to the chairman of the executive committee, H. H. Wheaton of this city.

The present national crisis has intensified the importance of the work undertaken by the committee, which was organized last August and which participated in a joint "America first" conference held here in February with the United States bureau of education to discuss economic questions which confront the country and which public education must, to a large extent, aid in solving.

Five Propositions Advocated.

Five basic propositions are advocated by the committee. These are a common use of the language of the United States; a common understanding and appreciation of American standards, ideals and responsibilities of citizenship; a genuine allegiance to the United States, whether the land of the citizen's birth or of adoption; active cooperation with fellow citizens in furthering the common welfare through government; and a universal consciousness of national and social organization and the compelling forcefulness of its evolution.

To consummate the general purpose embraced in these propositions the "America first campaign" was organized, and the first undertaking was, and will continue to be, the stimulation of the attendance of immigrants at night schools and the extension of facilities whereby they may be trained for citizenship.

One of the Principal Functions.

One of the principal functions of the committee is to serve in an advisory capacity to the commissioner of education, and to co-operate closely with the bureau of which he is the head. It also co-operates closely with the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, and its strongest affiliations are with the large industrial centers. The "America first" campaign has been given additional importance by the national war crisis that occurred last month.

Many Cannot Speak English.

There are more than 3,000,000 persons in this country who cannot speak English, says Mrs. Bliss, "and they are too often the ignorant victims of agitators, owing to this very fact. We intend to work with this human element to make it efficient in the fight for national commercial supremacy, which is bound to follow the present armed conflict." Mrs. Bliss is vice president of the Civic Educational Association of Erie county, N. Y., a member of the National Civic Federation, and aligned with many other civic betterment movements. Her father, a physician, practicing in northern New York, was the first person to come to America permanently, and was a devoted sympathizer and supporter of Americanism.

The national committee of one hundred is representative of the whole country in its membership. It is headed by John P. Jackson as chairman, and is divided into national, state and local members, the personnel of which many prominent names among school officials, labor and immigration officials, officials of civic organizations, representatives of industrial bodies and of the press. Heading the division of federal officials is the Hon. J. C. McPherson, general of immigration, Fredrick C. Howe, commissioner of immigration at Ellis Island, and H. H. Wheaton of the United States bureau of education. The Washington bureau members were decided upon, says Mrs. Bliss, because the capital is more than ever the center of things during the present crisis, and the closest possible touch with the federal government may be maintained only by this means.

TRY TO SIDESTEP DRAFT.

Odd Explanations Given by New Yorkers to Avoid Military Duty.

NEW YORK, May 25.—Taking of a war census of New York city's 1,000,000 employees has brought forth many odd explanations as to why exemption from military duty is claimed. The reasons range from "last time" to "I'm going to be married in June."

Other explanations were:

- "I have responsibilities and do not live in war or military."
- "Firm belief all war is wrong."
- "Self-supporting."
- "I am a friend—could be humanitarian work."
- "Below required height."
- "Married."
- "Married and wear glasses."

Progress on Credit Bureau Plans.

More than half the number of contracts for credit service necessary to carry out the plan of an enlarged credit bureau of the Retail Merchants' Association, were brought in at a meeting of the credit men's section of the organization last night. The plan will be brought in by the next meeting, to be held the second Tuesday in June, it is expected.

The committee in charge consists of A. V. Hoffman, chairman; Mark L. Lansburgh, David Senger, Richard Rich, Charles V. Keefer and Charles J. Cumber. Secretary of the association. The credit bureau now has more than 100,000 names.

Cuticura Heals Little Boy's Scalp

Total Cost 75c.

Scalp Was Awfully Sore. Fiery Red and Itched. Could Not Sleep. Head Disfigured and Hair Fell Out.

"Every spring my three-year-old son's scalp would be inflamed with water blisters which turned to sore eruptions. I tried everything I could but nothing did any good. His scalp was awfully sore, and fiery red, and the eruptions itched very badly. He was fretful both night and day, and he could not sleep. His head was disfigured and his hair fell out."

"Then I wrote for a free sample of Cuticura Soap and Ointment. It did so much good that I bought a fifty-cent cake of Cuticura Soap, and a twenty-cent tin of Cuticura Ointment. For every day toilet and nursery purposes how much suffering might be avoided by preventing little skin and scalp troubles becoming serious."

For Free Samples

Return Mail address post card: "Cuticura, Dept. H, Boston." Sold everywhere.

KANN'S

Open 8:45 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.  
Saturday, 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

KANN'S

Liberty Loan Bond  
Booth—Street Floor

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May 25, 1917.  
Fair tonight and tomorrow; little change in temperature.

KANN'S

## IMPORTANT! ARRIVED THIS MORNING

# 500 All White AND All Black Trimmed Hats

—Of such consequence do we consider this purchase and sale we hasten to get the news to you AT ONCE.

—There are five hundred hats, to be sure, but the minute they are shown in the window and on display tables they are going to be snapped up. That is why we want to give those who may not be planning to come down town tomorrow the information immediately so that they may arrange to be here—EARLY.

—There has not been an opportunity to get details, except to say that these hats are just as charming as they can be; the black ones undeniably smart and stunning; the white ones like a bunch of white posies, a bit of froth from the ocean, or a pure white snowdrift.

—Bought at a Special Price

—Values Up to \$7.50

—Saturday, Choice of the Lot.

# \$3.95

Kann's—Second Floor.



## SKIRTS---Prepared to Take the City By Storm

# Manufacturers' Samples and Surplus Lots

—We had made arrangements to secure the samples, and then found that the makers of these skirts had one or two canceled orders thrown back on their hands as the result of the unusually cool May. They included these at the special price, which gives ALL SIZES IN THE LOT, THOUGH NOT IN ALL STYLES.



AMONG THE MATERIALS ARE—

- Striped Honeycombs
- Plain White Linens
- Gabardines, Fancy Stripes
- Black and White Checked Effects
- Black and White Stripes
- White Gabardines in Self Stripes
- Green and White Plaids
- Green and White Checks
- Black and Lavender Stripes

# -AT- \$1.98

Values in the Lot Up to \$5.00

—One pocket, two pockets, fancy pockets or pocketless; gathered back styles, belted back and plain back. Some open-front styles.

Special Lot Wash Skirts at Street Floor Bargain Table at... 99c

Kann's—Second Floor.

## Summer Underwear

# Buying Time

—Now is the time to lay in your supplies for the summer when stocks are complete. Select from these items:

- Children's Nazareth Waists, in three qualities; 2 rows of buttons and garter attachments. At 19c, 25c, 29c.
- Women's "Paros Kai" Union Suits, low neck, no sleeves; umbrella shaped; lace trimmed. Each... 50c
- Women's Extra Size Vests, low neck, no sleeves, Swiss rib; taped neck and arms. Sizes 7, 8, 9. Each... 15c
- Women's Bloomers, mercerized cotton; pink; fine rib; elastic waist band and knee. Pair... 75c
- Women's Fine Ribbed Pants, in three qualities; 2 rows of buttons; French bands; sizes 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. Each... 35c
- Women's "Cumtury Cut" Vests, low neck, no sleeves; taped neck and arms. "Seconds" of the 25c quality. 3 for 50c. 18c
- Women's Swiss Ribbed Vests, with hand crocheted fronts, low neck, no sleeves. Regular sizes, 28c; extra sizes... 35c
- Women's Fine Gauge Lisle Hose, in black; full, regular made; wide garter hem; spliced soles and high-appliqued heels. "Seconds" of the 50c quality, pair... 35c
- Women's Fibre Silk Hose, extra quality; seamless; in black and white only; wide garter hem; fine top. Pair... 59c
- Women's "Radmoor" Lisle Thread Hose, 6-thread toes; double soles; high-appliqued heels; deep garter top; very elastic; in black and white. Pair... 50c
- Women's White Seamlless Lisle Hose, fine gauge; wide garter hem, pair... 25c
- Women's Silk Hose, in novelty stripes, dots, clockings, plain stripes, etc., and combination colors, pair... 98c
- Women's "Radmoor" Pure Thread Silk Hose, in all the new "Sports" shades, orange, jade, Chinese red, Copenhagen, emerald, new red, citron, orchid, turquoise; also the staple and evening shades, pair... \$1.10

Kann's—Street Floor.

## Well Made Hosiery is the Kind to Buy

—Therefore, you will find it advantageous to look over this list and come in tomorrow to supply your needs from these lots.

- Women's Fine Gauge Lisle Hose, in black; full, regular made; wide garter hem; spliced soles and high-appliqued heels. "Seconds" of the 50c quality, pair... 35c
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Kann's—Street Floor.

## Again Tomorrow--a Shoe Clearance of Unusual Merit

—When the manufacturer was informed that we were selling his discontinued models of \$5 TO \$7 SHOES AT BIG REDUCTIONS because we could not fill in sizes he thought it such a good idea that he offered us a fresh lot of about the same sizes as last week's sale that he had remaining in his warehouse.

—THUS making it possible to offer again tomorrow, Women's Low Shoes at, Pair... \$3.95

In a good range of sizes, but not all sizes in every style.

- In the collection are Puritan Pumps, Colonials, Pansy, Hi Fil and Altro Pumps, Lattice Oxford, Plain Pumps and Slippers.
- Colors include the most wanted kinds—oyster and pearl gray, tan calf, champagne, ivory, mouse brown, black, gun metal and patent leather.
- Medium and long tapering vamps.
- Louis, French, Spanish and concave heels.
- Also in the sale a limited quantity of New Sample Low Shoes in colors, combinations and two-tone effects; styles with the fashionable long vamp; also medium vamp shoes; turn or welted soles, leather or covered heels; sizes 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 only. Pair, \$3.95.

Kann's—Fourth Floor.

## SUMMER SALE

Saturday on Kann's Third Floor.

- Lawn Mower, high tempered blades; easy rolling; 12-inch size; fully warranted. Special tomorrow... \$2.98
- Garden Hose, extra heavy, superior finish; red color; 25-foot lengths; fully guaranteed against imperfections; complete with couplings and brass spray nozzle. Special tomorrow... \$3.59
- Wizard Combination, includes 1 Wizard Triangle Polish Mop, 1 Wizard Triangle Dust Mop, a bottle Wizard Polish and 1 Wizard Furniture Duster. Complete outfit tomorrow... 59c
- Percolator, made of seamless aluminum; extra good quality. Household size with aluminum inset. Special tomorrow... \$1.98
- Refrigerator, 3-door type; made of solid aluminum; white enamel lined; width, 21 1/2 inches; depth, 14 inches; height, 40 inches; ice capacity, 25 pounds. Special tomorrow... \$18.98
- Gibson Refrigerator, solid hardwood casing; top-tier, lift-door type; white enamel lined; ice capacity, 25 pounds. Special tomorrow... \$7.49
- Gibson Refrigerator, 3-door, side-liner type, porcelain lined; all hardwood casing; width, 20 inches; depth, 17 inches; height, 41 inches; ice capacity, 50 pounds. Special tomorrow... \$16.98
- Gibson Refrigerator of solid and 3-door, side-liner type; white porcelain lined; width, 20 inches; depth, 21 inches; height, 44 inches; ice capacity, 60 pounds. Special tomorrow... \$22.98

## "Come Off There, Skinny--- Give Us Fellers a Chance Onct!"

—That was relative to the roller coaster that "Skinny" was monopolizing. It was great fun to watch them enjoy each new thing, for there are many other interesting, health-giving, invigorating TOYS FOR GIRLS AND BOYS IN KANN'S ALL-THE-YEAR-ROUND TOYLAND

- 12-ft. Slides, 15 inches wide; 4 ft. high; nicely made in natural finish with ladder steps in blue. TOMORROW... \$4.95
  - Ever Ride a Roller Coaster? A big red one and a blue one, with over 11 feet of track; 7 1/2 inches wide; and a little car that starts 18 inches from the ground and rides down. SPECIAL... \$3.95
  - Regulation Playground Slides, built right; strongly made to stand rough treatment; smoothly finished in green and natural; length, 9 ft. 5 in.; width, 1 ft. 2 in.; supported by rail; length, 5 ft. 8 in.; good wide set of steps. TOMORROW... \$14.95
  - The Largest Slide, to boys and girls, is like the big show at the circus—you get the longest ride and more speed. This slide is 15 ft. long, 15 in. wide, 6 ft. high. TOMORROW... \$19.95
  - See Saws, that go up and down and around without falling off; for the little tots is the See Saw Junior, 6 ft. 5 in. long. With substantial brace... \$3.49
  - Larger See Saws, built substantially; with swivel top; strongly bolted base; go around and up and down... \$5.95
  - Large See Saw, erected on stationary base with wide board; finished in red. Specially attractive to little folks... \$5.95
- Kann's—Fourth Floor.

## The "Sub-Deb" Is Always Pleased When Her Apparel Comes From Kann's---WHY?

—Because we do more than simply buy garments for girls. —We study the requirements of youth, the necessity for giving girls real beauty in a simplicity of style that will please mothers, too.

New "Sub-Deb" Frocks, as Illustrated

—Made of pretty striped voile, in blue, pink, green or yellow stripes; combinations that blend well; finished with white organdy collar and cuffs; pointed pockets. Sizes 13, 15, 17 years.

Saturday Special... \$4.95

Plans for the Outing Next Week Are On

- "Sub-Deb" Dresses, made of combination white and striped voiles; skirts of white voile with wide band of stripe, coat part of stripe, with vest and collar of white; great fancy pockets. SPECIAL... \$6.95
  - Middy Blouses, fresh and new; of white jean, hand smocked; in white and dainty colors; sizes to 20 years. AT... \$1.00
  - Girls' Kilt Skirts, made of white drill; with or without bodice; to go with the middies... \$1 and \$1.35
  - Middy Blouses, regulation style; of white drill; trimmed with red or navy collar and cuffs; also all white; sizes to 20 years... \$1.50
  - For Graduation Parties, etc., a Host of Lovely New Frocks, of chiffon, satin, net, voile, organdie, etc., in beautiful styles... \$2.69 to \$14.85
- Kann's—Second Floor.

## A Holiday Blouse of Crepe de Chine or Georgette Crepe

—will, perhaps, be exactly the kind you want for your Memorial Day outing. Some new styles may please you in these at—

- Georgette crepe in daintily frilled models; lace trimmed and beaded effects. In white, flesh, maize and black. Kann's—Second Floor.
  - Crepe de chine and tailored models; some embroidered, others plain or tucked styles.
  - Tub Silk Waists and Jap Silk Waists, in plain colors and striped effects, also some smart sport styles, with washable satin collars, in colors contrasting with the waist. Choice of the lot... \$2.00
- Kann's—Bargain Table—Street Floor.

## A Bulletin of Interesting Books to Read Now—

- The Raft, by Coningsby Dawson. Original \$1.55 edition. Special, 25c.
  - Defenses of America, by Hudson Maxim. Special, 25c.
  - Life of Samuel J. Tilden, by John Bigelow; 3 volumes. Set, \$1.25.
  - Tilden's Letters and Literary Memorials, by John Bigelow; 2 volumes. Set, \$1.25.
  - Pioneers of France in the New World, by Francis Parkman. Volume, 35c.
  - Treitschke, His Doctrine of German Destiny and of International Relations, by Adolph Hanserath. Volume, 35c.
  - Germany, France, Russia and Islam, by Treitschke. Volume, 35c.
  - The Confessions of Frederick the Great (with life), by Treitschke. Volume, 35c.
  - Around the World with the Battleships, by Roman J. Miller. Volume, 35c.
- Kann's—Downtown.

## What Is in the Pockets of These Mother Goose Play Aprons

- FOR BOYS: —What child is not wild with anticipation to explore the contents of pockets? And more especially pockets of dear little aprons like the one pictured? —Girls will find dolls, crayons, pencils, rulers, scratch pads, tags of beads, watches, etc. —Boys will find a compass, a ruler, a protractor, a set square, a handkerchief, a small American flag.
- Aprons were \$2.00. Tomorrow, choice, Kann's—Fourth Floor.

## Freshly Made Caramels

- Two kinds, the plain chocolate and the cream layer chocolate.
  - You ought to see them as they come in from our candy kitchen across the street—fresh, and so tempting you will want a pound or more right away.
  - Tomorrow, a lb... 35c
  - Sweet Milk Chocolate Cherries, in syrup, a pound... 50c
  - Uncle Sam's Money Bank, filled with candy, a bank for... 10c
- Kann's—Street Floor.

"THE BUSY CORNER"

# S. Kann Sons & Co.

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